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SLAVERY AND ITS DEFENDERS.  
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"Slavery in the Southern States," is the title of a small pamphlet, written by a "Carolinian," with a view of counteracting the effect of "Uncle Tom's Cabin." The moderation of its tone, and the humane concern which the author professes to feel in the welfare and future destiny of the colored race, have secured for it a wide circulation in the free States of this Union, as well as in England, with the favorable opinion of a large and intelligent class of American and English readers. As the production of a Southern man of the present day, upon the subject of Slavery, it certainly has strong claims upon the respectability of the world. The author offers only an apology for Slavery, not a justification, and disavows the wish to perpetuate the system. He allows that Slavery is attended with great abuses, and certain odious features which he wishes to be removed. Among these is the practice of separating families, which results from the absence of any law recognizing the matrimonial tie among slaves, and the prohibition, under heavy pains and penalties, of the extension of education to the colored race. These liberal and humane sentiments have secured to the essay of "A Carolinian" a degree of attention and respect which no other work otherwise has received from a discerning public, and a seeming toleration for a system of political philosophy at war with every principle of civil liberty.

Prospicacious and liberal as the doctrines pronounced by "A Carolinian," I would be content to remain silent, if he were recognized by the South as its defender and champion, and authorized to make the same arguments in its name. The author of the pamphlet, however, is not the tone of feeling prevalent in that quarter of the Union at present, whatever it may